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SUBJECT: GOP STATEMENT ON FRG AGREEMENTS

1. THE CENTRAL PRESS AND RADIO ON MARCH 9 HEADLINED A PAP INTERVIEW WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI. SETTING FORTH POLAND'S POSITION ON FRG-POLISH NORMALIZATION AND, PARTICIULARLY, THE RECENT CREDIT-EMIGRATION-AND PENSION-AGREEMENTS PACKAGE, WHICH FACES ITS FINAL RATIFICATION TEST IN THE BUNDESRAT ON MARCH 12. CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF ETHNIC GERMANS TO LEAVE POLAND, REPORTEDLY THE CRITICAL QUESTION FOR THE OPPOSITION CDU, OLSZOWSKI SAID THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE: AS IS KNOWN, IN THE PROTOCOL THE POLISH SIDE DECLARED THAT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITHIN CONFIDENTIAL

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FOUR YEARS ABOUT 20 TO 125 THOUSAND PERSONS WILL RE-

CEIVE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR EMIGRATION PROPOSALS ON THE BASIS OF THE "INFORMATION" AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES CITED THEREIN. MOREOVER, NO TIME LIMIT IS FORESEEN FOR SUBMISSION AND EXAMINATION--IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE PERIOD--OF THE APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO FULFILL THE CRITERIA CITED IN THE "INFORMATIONS". END QUOTE.

- 2. THE POLISH PRESS HAD SIGNALED TO ITS READERS THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUCH A STATEMENT IN A FRONT-PAGE "TELE-PHONE INTERVIEW" WITH LOWER SAXONY PREMIER ALBRECHT THAT APPEARED IN SLOWO POWSZECHNE ON MARCH 4. IN THE INTERVIEW ALBRECHT SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT YET DECIDED HOW IT WOULD VOTE AND WAS AWAITING FOR A "CLARIFICATION" TO BE CONVEYED TO THE FRG. ASKED IF THE GOP'S WELL KNOWN "OPINION" CONCERNING THE "OPEN CHARACTER" OF THE PROTOCOL ON EMIGRATION IS INSUFFICIENT, ALBRECHT DECLARED THAT A "GOVERNMENT STATEMENT" WAS NECESSARY.
- 3. COMMENT: OLSZOWSKI'S STATEMENT IS NOT A SPECIFIC GUARANTEE THAT ANY MORE THAN 125,000 ETHNIC GERMANS WILL BE PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE. AGREEMENT TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS MAY CARRY A PRESUMPTION THAT AT LEAST SOME WILL BE FAVORABLY DECIDED, BUT OLSZOWSKI DOES NOT STIPU-LATE THIS. AN FRG EMBASSY OFFICIAL RECENTLY STRESSED THE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF THE POLES. OUTLINING WHAT SHE EXPECTED OLSZOWSKI'S STATEMENT TO CONTAIN, SHE SAID THAT BONN WANTED THE GOP TO CONFIRM THAT APPLICATIONS AFTER THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD WOULD BE RECEIVED AND PRO-CESSED. OLSZOWSKI'S STATEMENT FULFILLS BONN'S DESIRE IN THIS RESPECT. IT MAY NOT FULLY SATISFY CDU OPPONENTS OF THE AGREEMENTS, BUT WE BELIEVE THAT OLSZOWSKI'S STATE-MENT REPRESENTS THE BROADEST COMMITMENT THE GOP FEELS IT CAN MAKE AT THIS TIME. DAVIS

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